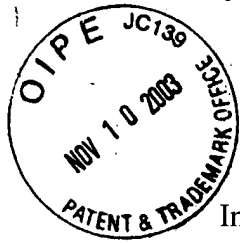


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WILLIAM S. BESS, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/535,005

Filed: March 23, 2000

For: FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY
CONSUMABLE SOLID FILM
CONTAINING A TASTE MASKING
AGENT AND
PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE
AGENT AT WEIGHT RATIO
OF 1:3 TO 3:1 (As Amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application

as follows: